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Editors Told U.S. Must Help to Reunify Europe

"America can set itself no nobler or timelier task than to seek the end of European partition," Professor Zbigniew Brzezinski of Columbia University told the American Society of Newspaper Editors yesterday. The job requires U.S. leadership, he said.

The expert on Russian affairs addressed the editors at the final business session of their convention at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Noting that next Sunday marks the 20th anniversary of the meeting between Russian and American soldiers on the Elbe, Brzezinski said that day marked not only a moment of triumph over Nazi Germany, but the beginning of the partition of Europe into East and West—into Soviet and American spheres of influence.

After 20 years of cold war, he said, both sides have acknowledged that they are not going to push the other out of Europe. It is only when the West shows weakness in the face of Russian provocations, he said, that the Soviets' hopes of expanding to the West are encouraged.

For this reason, he said, no threat to Berlin must be tolerated.

He said the answer to the Russians' sealing off Berlin for hours or days should be the United States blocking Russian access to Cuba for a similar period.

Gradual evolution of East Europe from Soviet domination and, finally, reunification of Germany, are the steps to press for in the eventual rehabilitation of Europe, he said.

The final day's luncheon speaker, Treasury Secretary Henry H. Fowler, warned against too sharp a cut in excise taxes or too rapid a growth in the nation's economy. These could cause inflation and unnecessary government deficits, he said.

"The prudent amount of excise tax reduction we scheduled for the last half of this year, while improving our tax structure, will also help sustain our economic momentum and offer new incentives for price reductions," he said.

Fowler's remarks were the first Administration effort to restrain Congress from making deeper reductions than the President has sought in excise taxes.